

DECLARATION FOR USA PATENT APPLICATION

(including Design and National Stage PCT)

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My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below adjacent to my name. I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled

PROCESS FOR PRODUCING FLUOROALKYLCARBOXYLIC ACID

, the specification of which

is attached hereto. (or)

X was filed on May 20, 1999 [X] and was amended on January 21, 2000

[] as U.S. Application No. _____ (or)

[X] as International PCT Application No. PCT/JP99/02679

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above. I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56.

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Prior Foreign Application(s) (_____ ADDITIONAL APPLICATIONS IDENTIFIED ON ATTACHED SHEET):

Number	Country	Day/Month/Year Filed	Priority Not Claimed
1998-154507	Japan	03/06/1998	

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Application Serial No.	Day/Month/Year Filed	Status -- patented, pending, abandoned

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